However Government has already taken up steps under various developmental schemes relating to seeds watershed development, extension, machinery, marketing etc. to address the issue of productivity in Orissa.

Cultivation of Sugarcane in Brazil

†2587. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has formulated a plan to grow sugarcane in Brazil;

(b) whether it is also that there is a proposal to take one lakh hectares of land on lease for implementation of this plan; and

(c) if so, the justification for this plan and whether it won't be prejudicial to the farmers of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) There is no proposal before the Government to grow sugarcane in Brazil.

(c) The Question does not arise.

Grameen Bhandaran Yojana

2588. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a new scheme "Grameen Bhandaran Yojana" to create storage capacity in rural areas;

(b) if so, the number of godowns set up under the scheme in the rural areas as on 31st October, 2006, State-wise;

(c) the total storage capacity created, so far, under the scheme; and

(d) the total amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since inception of the scheme on 1.4.2001, upto 31st October, 2006 in the rural areas of the country, 12,777 storage projects have been

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.